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Identical letters dated 1 May 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to forward to you the final communiqué issued at the end of the Summit held by the Organization of African Unity on the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, in Algiers on 30 April 2000.

I should be grateful if you would have it circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 31, and of the Security Council.

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Summit on the Democratic Republic of the Congo
Algiers, 30 April 2000

Communiqué

1. At the Invitation of His Excellency Mr. Abdelaziz Bouteflika, President of the Democratic People's Republic of Algeria, Current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity, a Summit on the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo was held in Algiers on 30 April 2000.

2. In attendance were the following:

- His Excellency Mr. Abdelaziz Bouteflika, President of the Democratic People's Republic of Algeria, Current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity;
- His Excellency Mr. Joaquim Alberto Chissano, President of the Republic of Mozambique;
- His Excellency Mr. Alpha Oumar Konaré, President of the Republic of Mali;
- His Excellency Mr. Laurent Désiré Kabila, President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
- His Excellency Mr. Thabo Mbeki, President of the Republic of South Africa;
- His Excellency Mr. Olusegun Obasanjo, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
- His Excellency Mr. Eric Silwanba, Personal Representative of His Excellency Mr. Frederick T. Chiluba, President of the Republic of Zambia;
- His Excellency Mr. Salim Ahmed Salim, Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity;
- His Excellency Mr. Quett Ketumile Joni Masire, Facilitator of the Inter-Congolese Dialogue;
- His Excellency Mr. M. Kamel Morjane, Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

3. The meeting, devoted to the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, made a comprehensive assessment of the implementation of the Lusaka Agreement, in the light of the latest developments resulting from the implementation of the peace process.

4. The Heads of State paid tribute to His Excellency Mr. Frederick Titus Chiluba, President of the Republic of Zambia, for the constant and commendable efforts he has been deploying to find a peaceful solution to the crisis in the Democratic

Republic of the Congo and for his active role in the signing of the Lusaka Peace Agreement, on 10 July 1999.

5. The Heads of State reaffirmed the importance and validity of the Lusaka Agreement, which constitutes an Irreplaceable framework for the resolution of the conflict. They called upon the parties to scrupulously honour their commitment so as to consolidate the ceasefire and the progress made so far and to give a further thrust to the peace dynamic.

6. The Heads of State expressed satisfaction at the adoption of resolution 1291 (2000) by the United Nations Security Council that extended the MONUC mandate and authorized the deployment of a force to observe compliance with the ceasefire in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

7. They also called upon the parties concerned to respect the Ceasefire Agreement and expressed their support for the disengagement plan adopted by the Political Committee, at its fifth session, held in Kampala from 6 to 8 April 2000.

8. The Heads of State expressed their satisfaction at the progress made and urged the parties to continue to fully and actively cooperate in the implementation of the peace process, on the basis of respect for the territorial integrity of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the legitimate security concerns of the neighbouring countries.

9. The Heads of State underscored the importance of the inter-Congolese dialogue and stressed the need to speed up its preparations and ensure the conditions for its success according to the relevant provisions of the Lusaka Agreement. They encouraged His Excellency Mr. Quett Ketumile Joni Masire to pursue his mission of facilitating the inter-Congolese dialogue and urgently appealed to the parties to fully cooperate with the ongoing efforts to organize and convene the said dialogue.

10. The Heads of State reiterated their appeal to the international community and particularly to the Security Council for their genuine and effective involvement and a concrete and substantial contribution to the peace process, through the mobilization of the necessary assistance for a speedy and full implementation of resolution 1291 (2000). The Heads of State urged the Security Council to speedily implement phase II of the deployment of United Nations forces, so as to consolidate the progress made so far.

11. They appealed to the States members of the Organization of African Unity to maintain and strengthen their support for the peace process in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and requested them to contribute to its successful conclusion. They welcomed the offer made by the Republic of South Africa and the Federal Republic of Nigeria to place troops at the disposal of the United Nations force in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

12. The Heads of State expressed satisfaction at the encouraging results of this Summit which constituted an additional step in the collective and continuous efforts of Africa to resolve the crisis in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and in the Great Lakes region.

13. Finally, the Heads of State expressed their heartfelt and deep gratitude to His Excellency Mr. Abdelaziz Bouteflika, President of the Democratic People's Republic of Algeria, current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity, who had taken the initiative to convene the Summit. They also expressed their grateful thanks to the Government and people of Algeria for the warm welcome and generous and fraternal hospitality accorded to them.